

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claim 10 and leaves claims 14 and 16 unchanged. The present application has pending claims 10, 14 and 16.

The title of the invention was changed to "PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SERVICES AND PROCESSING METHOD THEREFOR", which Applicants submit is more descriptive of the invention. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Joao (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0016655) in view of Joseph (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0165661). This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that Joao is not an appropriate reference to be used for anticipatory or obviousness type purposes to reject the claims of the present application being that the present application claims a priority date of July 6, 2000 which predates the effective date of July 31, 2001 of Joao. Thus, Joao cannot be combined with Joseph in the manner suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action since Joao cannot be used for prior art purposes relative to the claims of the present application. Accordingly, this rejection fails. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In order to perfect Applicants claim of priority a certified copy of the Priority Document was filed in the present application on November 29, 2000. The Examiner acknowledged Applicants' claims of priority and the filing of the certified copy in said application in the June 9, 2004 Office Action.

To further perfect Applicants' claim of priority filed on even date herewith is a Sworn English Translation of the Priority Document. Entry of said Sworn English Translation filed on even date herewith is respectfully requested.


Therefore, based on the above, Applicants priority of invention of the present application predates the effective date of Joao and as such Joao cannot be used for prior art purposes to reject the claims of the present application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 10, 14 and 16 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 10, 14 and 16 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (503.39354X00).

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